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Examination of Brown

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Mr Brown's Examination resumed by the Commissioner.

Has heard Mr. Tyler say that the ~~same~~ Engine of the Mint was badly made & that he, Tyler could get up a much better one, that the present one was a pump of cast iron of a rough finish or without a proper finish this engine was built by Rush & Muhlenburgh of Philadelphia — Tyler stated it was very imperfectly fitted & not suited for a Mint, & added if I could persuade them to sell it, I could substitute one that would be an ornament to the Mint. — he said that he would have the Cylinder surmounted with a brass plate, & would have the Maker's name superscribed & would get it made by Baldwin — Deponent believes Mr. Baldwin is Mr. Tylers brother in Law,

Mr. Tylers disposition seemed to be, to let some one attend to the engine who did not know how to superintend it, as he, Mr Tyler was to be his own Engineer, he appeared to desire to impress the men with the idea that he knew all about an engine though witness thinks Tyler was incompetent himself to take charge of an engine Deponent thought so because he, Tyler, undertook to work the engine only with a starting

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July 5th

bar. In trying to pass the centres Mr. Tyler came near throwing the Cylinder out of place. There was not sufficient experience in working it, shown to a=void the above danger. Moving the valve the re=verse way from what he should have done. Mr. Tyler & his brother were both experimenting with the engine when these mistakes were made — they were alone in the room together — Deponent was in the boiler room below — Could see what they were doing through the space were the fly wheel worked. — Deponent is of opinion that the engine was a good one. It was so considered by the persons who have seen it in operation.

Mr. Tyler had a skeleton key for his convenience to pass through all the doors of the different apartments — he knows it would suit the Treasurer's Office, does not know as to the doors.

July 2d

out of Tyler's department
Has seen Mr. Tyler enter
the Treasurers office with it. Does
not know if the Treasurer's Clerks
knew of it but supposed at the
time they did know it seeing
him use this privilege — he
made free use of it & had got
there when the Clerks were
away.

I certify the foregoing to be
a true copy of the sworn examination
of Mr Brown by Mr Slidell on the 2d
of July 1839.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto affixed my signature & seal
of office at New Orleans on this 7th day
of August 1839

Horatio Davis
Notary